Delivery of under weight cylinders

1693. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that LPG agencies of private oil companies deliver cylinders to their consumers after weighing in their presence and for that purpose their delivery men carry spring balances, whereas LPG agencies of oil companies in the public sector do not do so and thereby deliver underweight cylinders;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to direct oil companies in the public sector to follow private oil companies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that their LPG distributors are under instructions to ensure 100% weighment of cylinders at their godown before delivery at the customers premises. In a bid to enhance customer satisfaction levels, distributors in sleeted markets have been advised by OMCs to provide a spring balance to enable the customer to verify the correctness of the weight of LPG in the cylinder. OMCs have introduced this scheme in major markets of the country.

Model village project of ONGC

†1694. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backward villages in the country designated to be developed as model villages by Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) the details thereof alongwith the names of the places where work has been started in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has no plans to develop backward villages as "model villages". However, ONGC propose to set up 'PURA' villages to Provide Urban amenities in Rural Areas in States in which the company is producing oil gas. One

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such village has been set up at East Lalabaria in the State of Tripura. Based on the experience gained from this, ONGC plan to undertake similar projects in other States.

Commercial use of LPG

†1695. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual percentage of LPG used for commercial purpose;

(b) whether LPG is being sold from retail outlet for commercial use; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI
SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) LPG sales of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for commercial purpose (Non-domestic packed) was about 1.45% of their total sales of LPG, during the year 2004-05.

(b) and (c) OMCs are selling auto LPG through Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) in various cities. The total sale of auto LPG during the year 2004-05 was 31138 Metric Tonne (MT).

Allocation of kerosene to Orissa

†1696. SHRI SURENDRALATH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation of kerosene oil to Orissa has been decreasing continuously since 2001-02 and despite request being made by State Government, Kerosence oil is not being allocated as per data of census 2001;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has requested to allocate kerosene oil to Orissa on the pattern being followed in the case of Punjab and Haryana; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in following the aforesaid pattern?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI
SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) As per the policy adopted by the Government of India, the Kerosene (SKO) allocation for distribution under the Public

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